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**Drug Analysis Laboratory Monthly Status Report**

**March, 2009**

**Amherst and Jamaica Plain (combined)**

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Cases* submitted to the laboratories this month.....   | 1514     |
| Number of items* contained in these cases.....         | 2495     |
| <br>   |          |
| Cases analyzed by the laboratories this month.....     | 1656     |
| Number of items analyzed this month.....               | 2536     |
| <br>   |          |
| Laboratories' backlog (Items).....                     | 14031    |
| <br>   |          |
| Average time per analysis (turnaround time).....       | 148 days |
| <br>   |          |
| Number of preliminary/priority analyses performed..... | 215      |

**Analysis Backlog**

Unanalyzed items in the laboratory on the last day of the month

|                      |              |             |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1-15 days old        | 1264         | 9%          |
| 16-30 days old       | 1154         | 8%          |
| 31-50 days old       | 1326         | 9%          |
| Greater than 50 days | 10287        | 73%         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>14031</b> | <b>100%</b> |

\* A CASE refers to all the evidence gathered from an incident or arrest that is related to one or more defendants. Each case may contain one or more ITEMS of different appearance and/or composition, e.g. marijuana, cocaine, heroin.

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**Analysis Profile**

Time in the laboratory for items analyzed this month

|                      |             |             |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1-15 days            | 81          | 3%          |
| 16-30 days           | 48          | 2%          |
| 31-50 days           | 560         | 22%         |
| Greater than 50 days | 1847        | 73%         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>2536</b> | <b>100%</b> |

**Totals for Drugs of Interest**

| <b>Drug Type</b> | <b>Number of Items</b> |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Marijuana        | 718                    |
| Cocaine          | 650                    |
| Heroin           | 305                    |
| Others           | 863                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>2536</b>            |

**Trafficking Items Analyzed**

| <b>Drug Type</b> | <b>Number of Items</b> |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Heroin           | 7                      |
| Cocaine          | 25                     |
| Oxycodone        | 19                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>51</b>              |

**Calendar Year (2009) Totals through the End of the Month**

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Items Submitted | 7277 |
| Items Analyzed  | 7236 |

